Toilers' Party that the area surrounding Vadalur and other villages should be exempted from acquisition and if so, what the Government are going to do in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice."

Encouragement to the Siddha System of medicines.

* 119 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum, dated 7th April 1953 from the association for the protection of All-India Siddha System of Medicines containing various requests for the encouragement of the system in the State was received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the resolutions passed by the All-India Siddha Medical Protective Association on 7th April 1953 was received by the Government from the President of the Association. The resolutions were considered by the Government and a reply was sent on 16th May 1953."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, what is the reply given by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Various requests were made in the resolutions and a suitable reply has been given to each of the resolutions."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM:—"இந்த சித்த வைத்திய மூலமாக குறைந்த செலவில் குறுகிய காலத்தில் குணம் அடைவதால் இவ் வைத்தியத்திற்கு பாதுகாப்பு அளிக்க சர்க்கார் இது வரையில் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொண்டார்கள் என்பதைப் பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We are not quite sure of the premise in the question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Health, may I know the nature of the reply that has been given—whether it was encouraging or discouraging to the applicants? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" One resolution was that encouragement should be given to the Siddha System of Medicine. The Government have stated that every encouragement is being given to it. Another resolution was about the institution of a Research Laboratory. This matter is under consideration. Among the other resolutions one was a request that they should be absorbed in Government and rural dispensaries. The Siddha practitioners are at present being employed in a large number of dispensaries."